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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the non-English patent documents and counterpart abstracts are also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

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STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the application. Accordingly, Applicants submit that no Statement, Petition, or fee is necessitated by the filing of this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee, which may be deemed necessary in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document No. 58-39468 is discussed at least at page 5, lines 7 through 14 of the specification.

Japanese Patent Document Nos. 11-84764, 2000-305339, 2000-347476, 2000-231279, and 2001-290319 are discussed at least at page 6, line 6 through page 7, line 7 of the specification. U.S. Patent No. 6,013,403 is identified as being in the patent family of Japanese Patent Document No. 11-084764.

U.S. Patent No. 6,327,450 B1 is identified as being in the patent family of Japanese Patent Document No. 2000-347476.

U.S. Patent No. 6,498,910 B2 is identified as being in the patent family of Japanese Patent Document No. 2001-290319.

Japanese Patent Document No. 2002-144250 is discussed at least at page 13, lines 10 through 24 of the specification.

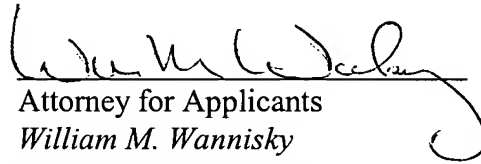
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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